

New Glarus Fire District

Date: December 11, 2017 **Time:** 7:30 p.m. **Presiding:** John Ott **Location:** NGFD Meeting Room

Recorder: Barb Anderson

Member	Present	Not Present	Member	Present	Not Present	Member	Present	Not Present
Anderson, Barb	X		Talarczyk, Karen	x				
Austin, Malcolm	X							
Beal, Brad	X		Others Present:					
Erickson, Ron	X		Anderson, Dave	X				
Jelle, Scott	x		Ott, Pete	X				
Ott, John	x		Pernot, Bob	x				

Agenda Item	Action Taken "No Action" or State the Motion	Motion Made by	Motion 2nd By	Outcome of Vote
1. Call to order	Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.			
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting	Motion to approve	Beal	Talarczyk	Carried
3. Treasurer's Report	MMI: \$139,505.62 Checking: \$955.89 Balance in 2%: \$28,247.44 Building account is open: \$50,000 balance * \$3544.25 in bills have been paid out so far for building project * Motion to approve Treasurer's Report	Austin	Jelle	Carried
4. Fire District Bills (Attachment 1)	\$951.93 We saved about \$100 this month on our electric bill because of our solar panels!			
5. Fire Dept. Bills (Attachment 2) * Plus \$748.26 Equipment Expense that was introduced after the regular bills were handed out	\$15,277.75 The Fire Department received a grant from the New Glarus Community Foundation for a winch. We will pay the \$920.22 and they will reimburse			

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	us. (Attachment 3) Motion to pay bills as presented.	Jelle	Talarczyk	Carried
6. Events	*Holiday luncheon at school on Dec. 15. 6-8 Firefighters will assist with serving. *Winterfest Dance at Station on January 12 th , 2018.			
7. Old Business	Jeff Lahey will come to the next District Board meeting (January 8). He will write up a contract for the building project. He will not exceed \$18,000 for his fee. Dave recommends we have the bills sent to Jeff and he will attend our meetings and go over them with us and then we write the checks. Jeff will be doing all the plans. The steel structure will cost around \$62,000 (sans windows). Dave thinks that by the middle of February we should have plans going to the state for approval.			
8. New Business	* The Fire Department Annual meeting will be January 15. There is a change in the LOSAP contribution formula (Attachment 4). The state will double the municipality's contribution, up to a maximum State contribution of \$390. See attachment for details. We have 37 firefighters, one more than last year. The NGFD LOSAP committee recommends matching the State's maximum contribution of \$390 to demonstrate an equal level of dedication to the volunteer's service to the district. Total cost to the District to do that would be			

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	\$10,822.50. (\$292.50 per firefighter, net cost) The Board will make a decision on this at our next meeting. * The Quit Claim Deed should be notarized and signed this week and registered at the county. It will be done tomorrow, January 12, 2017.			
9. Next Meeting Date/Time	January 8, 2018 7:30 P.M.	Jelle	Anderson	Carried
10. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn			

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NEW GLARUS FIRE DISTRICT	
Bills presented at meeting:	December 11, 2017
Name	Amount
WE Energies	\$ 81.92
New Glarus Utilities	\$ 437.82
Professional Pest Control	\$ 41.00
New Glarus Hardware	\$ 33.98
Blanchardville Co-op	\$ 195.29
U.S. Cellular	\$ 44.00
Weaver Auto Parts	\$ 99.92
Sugar River Power Center	\$ 18.00
Total	\$ 951.93

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NGFD DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AGENDA -December 11, 2017

Bills

• Spectrum	Internet	\$233.21
• Fire Rescue	Boots	\$1180.00
• Fire Rescue	Cleaning Pads	\$16.00
• Fire Rescue	SCBA Repair	\$108.00
• SWNI	Death Benefit	\$14.50
• Physio Control	Electrodes ???	\$109.38
• Schwarz Insurance	Renewal ???	\$10974.00

Events

- *Spectrum*
- Holiday Luncheon @ New Glarus Elementary School on Friday, December 15th. 6-8 firemen will assist with serving.
- Winterfest Dance @ station on January 12th, 2018

Old

- Building addition update. Jeff Lahey will come to the next meeting on January 8th to go over contract and building plans. Will also cover how to approve payments to contractors.

New Business

- Insurance renewal from Schwarz/Wagner Insurance.
- Annual Meeting and Election. Move to January 15th.

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New Glarus Fire Department Purchasing Activity

The NGFD was awarded a grant from the New Glarus Community Foundation to purchase a portable winch and support equipment for Squad 1. The grant award was for \$854.00 and the total grant was written for \$970.00. Below are the individual orders from Amazon for the grant. All items have been purchased, and awaiting delivery on the last items. Total spent on project \$920.22. will be submitting to the Community Foundation for reimbursement for the grant award in the near future.

Amazon Order #'s for the grant are:

- #114-4266934-6121027 amount \$225.29 (winch carrier)
- #114-8619296-5565067 amount \$586.08 (winch)
- #114-8627257-5809827 amount \$108.85 (shackles, straps, & snatch block)

Also during the months of November and December the following Amazon purchases were made.

Amazon Order #'s

- #113-6515218-3810607 amount \$29.25 (batteries for Squad 1 Lite Boxes)
- #114-7887821-7026643 amount \$655.92 (Replacement Lite Boxes for Engine 2 and Engine 3)
- #113-3035064-3337817 amount \$14.98 (vehicle fuse assortment)
- #114-3293018-2018643 amount \$48.11 (lighted traffic batons Car 1 & Brush 1)

All orders were paid using the Fire Department Credit Card, and all orders qualified for free shipping and as they were placed with the Fire Department Account they were tax exempt.

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December 6, 2017

2017 LOSAP Contribution

Per an email we received from Donna Armitstead of Penflex, Inc.:
The State made some changes to the service award program for 2017, the States contribution will be double the municipality's contribution, up to a maximum State contribution of \$390. Therefore, a municipality must only contribute \$195 per participant in order to receive the maximum State contribution of \$390.

However, we want you be aware that this supposed 2-for-1 could result in a lower contribution to the volunteer unless the municipality contributes about the same as last year. For instance, if you contributed \$344.11 for a volunteer's 2016 service, the volunteer also received a \$344.11 State match, \$688.22 total. If you reduce your 2017 service contribution to \$195, the municipality saves about \$150 per volunteer, but the volunteer receives only \$585, a reduction of \$103.22 from last year. Therefore, we suggest contributing at least the same for 2017 as was contributed for 2016.

The New Glarus Fire Department LOSAP committee recommends matching the State's maximum contribution of \$390 to demonstrate an equal level of dedication to the volunteer's service to the district.

The New Glarus Fire Department has 37 members that qualified for 2017 as of December 31, 2017. This is subject to change with the addition of any new members or the departure of any personnel prior to January 01, 2018. The total amount of the contribution is: **\$14,430.00**. This totals **\$14,430.00** to be paid to The Village of New Glarus. This total is split 75% (**\$10,822.50**) payable by the New Glarus Fire District and 25% (**\$3,607.50**) payable by the New Glarus Fire Department. *The \$1,000.00 account service fee due to Penflex Inc. is no longer included in this total as it has been in years past (see below).*

The Village of New Glarus will make a payment of \$14,430.00 to UBS Financial Services Inc. This payment is due on January 31, 2018 and we are advised to have this payment mailed no later than January 22, 2018.

The account service fees will be handled the same as it was in 2016. Penflex Inc. will be billing us the following at a later date:

- \$1,000.00 account servicing fee
- \$15.00 per member management fee for each volunteer with an active account - (~\$720)
- \$40 per payment fee for any participants entitled to payments - (~\$Unknown)

The total amount billed for 2016 was approximately 1,765.00. **We will not know the final amount of the above until we have receive a statement from Penflex.** At that time, we would like to bring the contribution amount and Penflex bill to you and divide it as we have in the past, 75% of each payable by the New Glarus Fire District and 25% of each payable by the New Glarus Fire Department

The New Glarus Fire Department LOSAP Committee

Doug Truttmann, Kendal Wenger, Ryan Krueger

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